

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1053 – *Natural Resources – Aquaculture*.

This bill makes the Department of Natural Resources responsible for the employment of the State's Aquaculture Coordinator and transfers specified seafood-related programs, funds, and organizations from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources. This bill also alters the membership of the Aquaculture Review Board and authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to issue water column leases under specified circumstances and alters provisions relating to the issuance of submerged land leases.

Senate Bill 847, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1053.

Sincerely,

Governor